

Livestock and Seed Program Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch Quality System Audit Report

AUDIT INFORMATION

AUDIT ENTORMATION	
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Program:	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
Audit Date(s):	July 25, 2007
Audit Identifier:	NP7113EEA
Action Required:	No
Audit Type:	Corrective Action Audit
Audit Objective:	To verify that corrective actions adequately address the non-compliance identified during the Surveillance-Accreditation Renewal Audit.
Audit Criteria:	7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000, updated September 11, 2006
Audit Scope:	Submitted corrective actions
Location(s) Audited:	Desk

FINDINGS

IDALS submitted corrective actions on July 13, 2007, that adequately addressed the non-compliance identified during the accreditation renewal audit.

NP7113EFA.NC1 – Adequately Addressed - NOP § 205.501(a)(15) states, "A private or governmental entity accredited as a certifying agent under this subpart must:... Submit to the Administrator a copy of: (i) Any notice of denial of certification issued pursuant to §205.405, notification of noncompliance, notification of noncompliance correction, notification of proposed suspension or revocation, and notification of suspension or revocation sent pursuant to §205.662 simultaneously with its issuance." Records show that a major noncompliance identified during the 2006 inspection of one farm was not forwarded to the Administrator as required. Additional records show that a major non-compliance identified during the inspection of another farm was not reported to the Administrator. The Notification of Certification was sent to the client on February 20, 2007. Corrective Action: It has been IDALS policy to send a copy of the letter citing major non-compliances to AMS Compliance upon its issuance to



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clients; however, IDALS policy has not been applied consistently. IDALS reviewed with their staff their policy and procedures addressing issuance of major non-compliances. All letters of major non-compliance will be sent as required to clients and a copy of this letter will be sent to AMS Compliance at the time of issuance.